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Associational Mission Strategist Search Team Update

The AMS Search Team has prayerfully reviewed the resumes received and, seeking to know and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have chosen what we believe to be the top prospective AMS candidates from the resumes we have received. As you can imagine, this has not been an easy task, nor has the Team considered it such.

We are now in the interview phase of the process. We believe in and are following the pattern of prayerfully working our way through this phase. This phase will involve interviews with the candidates, checking personal references, doing back-ground checks and seeking to follow the Divine direction of the Holy Spirit. We will share the candidate only when both he and the Team seek the Lord's leadership that he is the person for the position in Caldwell Baptist Association.

While we are looking forward to presenting a prospective AMS candidate to the association, we do not want to attempt to rush the process. So, thank you for your prayerful patience as we work through the process.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Team and we certainly desire your continued prayers. We are humbled that you have chosen us for this task and realize that it is a task that requires sensitivity to the Lord. Through your prayers you are assisting with this task.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding the progress of the Search Team.

AMS Search Team
Stuart White



The Caldwell Baptist Center will be closed Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Senior Adult Lunch & Learn Tuesday, July 12, 2022



The next Senior Adult Lunch & Learn will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 AM at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Lenoir. The cost is Dutch-treat. The Bible Study Leader will be Dr. Steve Parker, Interim Pastor of Miller Hill Baptist Church. **Please register by Thursday, July 7 by calling 758-4081.**

Summer Gathering of the Messengers Thursday, July 28, 2022



The Summer Gathering of the Messengers will take place on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 PM at Lower Creek Baptist Church. The program speaker will be Rev. Stephen Owen, Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church. There will be a membership recommendation, a report from the Executive Director Search Team and a Community Services Fair. Ice Cream will be provided by Myra's Catering.

Ministers Conference Wednesday, August 3, 2022



The next Ministers Conference will be held on August 3 at 10:00 AM at the Caldwell Baptist Center. The program will be an Inspirational Message by Rev. Jim Phillips, Pastor of Buffalo Cove Baptist Church. A Dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed by all interested persons at a nearby restaurant following the conference.

Pastoral Leadership Conference October 24-26, 2022



The Caldwell Baptist Pastoral Leadership Conference will be October 24-26, 2022 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Conference leaders will be Dr. Steve Parker, Rev. Roger Parker, and Rev. Jim Hamby. The book being studied at this conference is "Living Out of the Overflow: Serving Out of Your Intimacy with God" by Dr. Richard Blackaby. **Reservation and deposit is due no later than July 22, 2022.** Click on the links below for more information and registration form.

[Information](#) [Schedule](#) [Registration](#)

WMU Red Box Item Due October 28, 2022



The item for Caldwell Baptists to collect for the WMU Red Box Ministry this year is soap. Each bar of soap must be the **4 to 5 ounce size**. This is the only size we can send so please do not bring any other size to the Baptist Center. Soap must be kept in the original packaging materials with price tags removed. Do not separate the bars of soap if packaged together. Must deliver to the Baptist Center by October 28, 2022 in **cardboard boxes with lids** and the name of the church and number of bars of soap must be written on the box lid. Please do not bring the soap to the Baptist Center in plastic bags, shopping bags, or plastic containers.

WMU Retreat November 18-19, 2022



The WMU Retreat will be held November 18-19 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Cost per person is \$146 for single, \$92 for double, \$77 for triple, and \$69 for quad. Campus usage fee for commuters is \$12 plus meals. Reservations and full payment must be mailed to the Caldwell Baptist Association, PO Box 1555, Lenoir, NC 28645 no later than Tuesday, November 1. Reservations must include number of rooms needed and names of guests in each room. The age of the guest, if under 18 years, is also needed. Please provide mailing or email address for each guest.

Harvest Seeds Ministry



The Caldwell Baptist Center continues to be a collection site for used literature for Harvest Seeds Ministry. Please bring your gently used literature to the back of the Baptist Center during the hours of 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Press the button beside the glass door to alert the staff that you have arrived. When you are gathering materials to donate and packing your boxes, please pack to make sure that the outside covers are flat and not curled, or missing on your materials. If your books are dusty please wipe them off. Do not send any materials that have mold or mildew on them because they have to be thrown away. Literature must be delivered in boxes with lids for easy packing. If the box has flaps, please make sure the flaps are not folded into the box. The boxes must be brought ready for shipment with no exposed literature.

Caldwell Baptist Association Financial Report June 2022

Click on the button below to see the Financial Report

[Financial Report](#)

Church News

Effective July 1, 2022, the standard mileage rate for business/ministry related travel will increase by four cents per mile, to 62.5 cents per mile. IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said in the announcement that the adjustment was made to better reflect recent changes in fuel prices.

Jan Hollar has a like-new piano that has been recently tuned that she would like to donate to a church. If interested contact her at 758-4052. The church will be responsible for moving it.

Lakeview Baptist Church will have a County-wide Sunday Funday Meet and Greet for youth on Sunday, July 10 at 12:30pm. This Funday will start with tacos and dessert and follow with games of volleyball and kickball. For more information click on the [link](#).

For a list of available interim/supply ministers click on the [link](#).

Community News

If you would like to contribute to the Ukrainian relief efforts make checks payable and send to Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512, designate for Ukraine Crisis or <https://baptistsonmission.org/ukraine-crisis> to give online.

CCC&TI is promoting their Fall 2022 semester with a Cobra Family Fest. Please click on the [link](#) for more information.

Gardner-Webb School of Divinity Offers New Master's in Bible and Theology. For more information click on the [link](#).

There is an urgent need for a team of 15-20 people to provide a VBS style ministry to a group of missionary kids July 17-23. Most volunteers will work with children ages 0-3. The event will be in central Florida. The cost for housing and all meals during the event is around \$1000 and there is scholarship money available for NC Baptist churches. This cost does not include travel to and from Florida. If you can help, contact Russ Reaves at rreaves@ncbaptist.org.

Kiaros Ministries is going to start back up. For more information contact Cindy Starnes at 828-455-2901.

Unifour Christian Singles and Seniors have several upcoming events. Please click on the [link](#) for detailed information.

North Carolina Baptists on Missions is sponsoring Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpack Ministry again this year. The statewide goal is 19,000 and we would love for you to be a part of that. Letters were sent to all churches with details on items to be included in the backpacks.. You will be able to drop off backpacks at Lakeview Baptist Church Lenoir, NC on November 5th. If you have any questions, please go to their website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco or contact Miranda Denning at 828-394-9713.

Attn: Church Secretaries: The NC Baptist Secretaries Conference will be held November 14-16 at Caraway Conference Center. For more information and to register click [here](#). Churches are encouraged to pay for their secretary to attend this conference.

Attn: Pastors: "Replenish: A Retreat for Pastors and Their Families" will be held September 5-7 at NC Baptist Assembly Fort Caswell. For more information and to register click [here](#).

Available Positions

First Baptist Church of Hudson is seeking a pianist for the 9AM traditional service. For more information, please contact the church office at 828-728-4297.

Setzer Creek Baptist Church is in search of a full-time pastor. Please send resume to Setzer Creek Baptist Church, Search Committee, PO Box 449, Patterson, NC 28661.

Kings Creek Baptist Church is searching for a part-time (20-hours weekly) Administrative Assistant for clerical and bookkeeping work. Request a job description by contacting Randy Goode rgoodework@charter.net. Please submit resumes through this email.

Lower Creek Baptist Church is seeking a part-time choir director for practice on Wednesday and to lead the choir in the worship service on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact the church office at 828-758-2315.

Clover Baptist Church, 100 Pinewood Rd, Granite Falls, NC 28630 is seeking a part-time Worship and Music Leader. For a job description click [here](#).

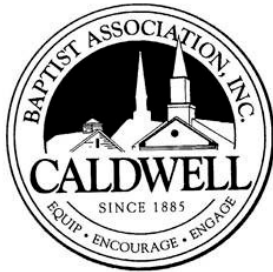
Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Hudson, NC, is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 859, Hudson, NC 28638.

Friendship Baptist Church, Hudson NC, is seeking an energetic interim children/Youth leader with potential for a permanent position (15-20 hours per week). Please [email](#) resumes.

Nelson's Chapel Baptist Church of Lenoir is seeking a part-time minister of children and youth. Resumes can be sent to the church at 4958 Kirby Mountain Rd, Lenoir or by email [here](#).

Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir is seeking a full time associate pastor. Click on the [link](#) to submit a resume. For more information about the position click [here](#) or go to the church [website](#).

First Baptist Hildebran is seeking a senior pastor, pianist, and a music director. For more information click [here](#).



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